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First Named Inventor	SHIRATA, Yosuke
Art Unit	2851
Examiner Name	NGUYEN, Hung
Attorney Docket Number	980511B

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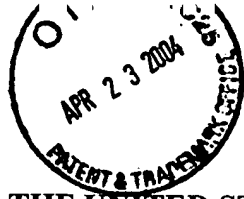
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2003, Applicant amends the claims as follows and submits the following remarks. This Submission is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.